

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Bentwich et al.
 App. No.: 10/604,943
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Art Unit: 1635
 Examiner: SHIN, DANA H.
 Title: BIOINFORMATIALLY
 DETECTABLE GROUP OF NOVEL
 VACCINIA REGULATORY GENES
 AND USES THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2006 (the "Office Action"), and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

Submitted herewith is a Petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee of \$1020.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), which extends the deadline for filing a response to May 9, 2007.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above reference number.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this response; **Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 4; **Amendments to the Abstract** begin at page 5; and **Remarks** begin at page 7.